

# Jacob's Ladder

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## PURPOSE

*To keep the members and friends of Jacob's Church informed of the ministries and happenings at our church and in the surrounding community to be **The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ***

**Jacob's Church, 8373 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066**  
**[jacobschurch.org](http://jacobschurch.org)**

### **Pastor**

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### **Music Director**

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### **Secretary**

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## The Pastor's Epistle

### "Don't Forget Your Church"

*"Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of His coming back again is drawing near." Hebrews 10:25 Living Bible*

Well the "good old summertime" is here in full swing. I'm looking forward to the vacations away with my family along with the other normal summer activities. Like everyone else, I enjoy the beautiful days of summer and praise God for the blessings that summer brings.

However, along with the blessings of summer, there often comes a drought when it comes to church attendance. I guess the writer of Hebrews experienced the same situation when writing to God's people. He warned the Christians not to neglect the church meetings, but to attend regularly in the life of the church. This is good counsel for Christians of any age.

I believe that regular attendance is important for many reasons:

- First, the church needs the prayers, time, talent and resources of its members if it is to be effective in the world.
- Second, the worship, teaching, and fellowship will help us tremendously as we face life and serve Jesus Christ. Both adults and children need to grow daily in their spiritual journey.
- Third, a full church is a statement to others that our faith is important to us and that our walk with Jesus Christ is exciting.

Yes, I expect that attendance will decrease somewhat during this beautiful time of year but we MUST NOT ALLOW anything to stand between us and our service to Jesus Christ.

May the Lord Bless You and Have a Good and Safe Summer!!!  
Pastor Shay

P.S. See you on Sunday!

Jacob's Church Board Minutes

April 4, 2017

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Michael Follweiler, Lou Schimpf, Dave Zoghby

Deacons: Leslie Ford, Solomon Johri, Jim Moyer, Dick Oswald, Ned Rauch-Mannino, Gary Readnack

Ministry Assistant: Jimmy Reppert

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

1. Pastor Shay opened the meeting with prayer.
2. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. Work is still being done on website mailboxes.
4. The choir director/organist search committee will be meeting with a candidate this week.
5. Jimmy Reppert reported that KFC is going well.
6. The elders will prioritize items from vision meeting at their next meeting.
7. The child protection draft policy will be updated for next meeting.
8. Board members will be greeters for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter services.
9. The dumpster has been moved to the back of the Activity Center. Arborvitae will be planted to block the view of the dumpster.
10. Lou Schimpf informed everyone that small group prayer will be held every other Thursday at SPADE.
11. The idea of having a stand Night in the Country was discussed.
12. We will have pre-service power point on screen.
13. A password protected wifi system has been installed in Church and Activity Center.
14. Pastor Shay will be away April 24 through April 29.
15. The lot near Jimmy Reppert's house will need to be mowed.
16. The outreach to the homeless was discussed.
17. Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Follweiler as follows:

Balance at March 2017 Meeting		\$39,986.41
Income	\$29,610.57	
Expenses	\$24,238.11	
Balance at April Meeting		\$45,358.87
18. A motion to accept the report was made by Solomon Johri and seconded by Ned Rauch-Mannino. The motion carried.
19. A motion to accept the March 6<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Ned Rauch-Mannino and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.
20. At 9:29 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Dick Oswald and seconded by Leslie Ford. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Readnack

At our December 4, 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,439 per week in order to meet our 2017 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in April, 2017:

April 2	\$5,116.00
April 9	\$4,735.00
April 14	\$ 585.00 (Good Friday)
April 16	\$6,245.19 (Easter)
April 23	\$4,209.00
April 30	\$2,891.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – April	\$79,902.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – April	\$79,743.54
Deficit for January – April	\$ 158.46

**ORGAN ENHANCEMENT FUND** - Your donations to this fund will be used for additional pipes required to complete families of tone in conjunction with fine organ design and building. This money is in addition to the \$65,505.00 voted on at the December 1, 1996 meeting to restore our organ and prepare for the additions. All donations should be sent to:

Jacob's Church Treasurer  
 C/O David Follweiler  
 6893 Whitetail Court  
 New Tripoli, PA 18066

**Greeters/Ushers for June**

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June 4 Sisters of Esther Bible Study

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June 11 Church Board-service in Act. Center!

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June 18

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June 25 Men's Prayer Breakfast

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**Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am**

**Flowers for June**

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June 5

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June 11

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June 18 Linda & Lester Lutz

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June 25

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**Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:**

(2) Altar vases	\$25.00
(1) Floral stand	\$15.00
Bud vase	\$10.00
Bulletins	\$ 5.00

Contact Pam Zoghby to order Flowers  
 610-298-3002



# June Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and best wishes to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

Duane & Rebecca Bertsch  
Robert & Cheryl Boyer  
Jeremy & Sheena Crone  
Justin & Jade Dahlquist  
Aaron & Ronee Foulk  
Robert & Kay Greenawalt  
Ryan & Gail Hamm  
Slade & Kinsey Hermany

Adam & Kelly Krick  
Steven & Kristen Kunkel  
Perry & Liz Long  
Lester & Linda Lutz  
Allen & Judy Newhard  
Jeff & Cathy Peter  
Christopher & Kerry Phillips  
Michael & Sheila Sacks



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## Weddings

Best wishes to Katarina Smith and John Ryan who were joined in marriage at Jacob's Church Saturday, May 6, 2017. Katarina, a member, is Jim and Rose Moyer's granddaughter.

Congratulations to Deane Hamm and Karen Stoudt of Hamburg who were married at Jacob's Church Saturday, May 13, 2017.

## Birth

Congratulations to Ray and Kaitlin Sacks on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Hope. She was born May 4, 2017. She is the granddaughter of Stephanie Feinour and Mike and Leann Sacks.

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Estok, who passed away April 26, 2017. The interment was May 2, at Jacob's Union Cemetery with Pastor Shay officiating. A fellowship meal followed in the Activity Center.

We extend our sympathy to Pastor Scott and Donna Shay at the passing of his Aunt Louise Broughall. There was a memorial service for her at Thompson's Funeral Home in Lebanon May 26, with Pastor Shay officiating.

## Thank You

Dear Church Partner,

Jacob's Church raised \$665.46 in our Baby Bottle Boomerang! Thank you for your generous outpouring of love and support for the (Life's Choices) ministry!

*"For You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13*

Joyfully in Christ,

Laurie Williams Director of Development for Life's Choices

# What's coming up?

**Believer's Baptism** Sunday, June 11 at 10 am in the Activity Center. If anyone is interested in "Believer's Baptism" contact Pastor Shay or any Church Board Member. This special service is a combined service with our Revive Ministry. Please plan to attend to celebrate this joyous occasion.

**Serving Our Community** June 15, 16, 17 Jacob's Church will be serving the community at the Kempton Fair by sharing the love of Jesus Christ with kids and their families through games. Your help is needed to run the game stands. Please sign up in the Church Parlor if you can offer your time for this event.



**Outreach Weekend** Take your family camping at the Blue Rocks Campground, July 28, 29, 30. There will be a Christian Concert Saturday, July 29, and Sunday morning, July 30, Revive will have a worship service at the campgrounds. Plan to attend the concert, the worship service, or the whole weekend! Limited campsites have been set aside for our group, so contact Jimmy Reppert (610-698-6637) to reserve your camping spot!

**Potential Homeless Ministry** – We are considering an invitation to participate in a cooperative "Homeless Ministry." Jacob's would be involved for a one week period, four times a year. We would provide sleeping facilities and meals for each one week period. We are now trying to find out if we have enough volunteers. A sign-up sheet is posted for two areas of service: (1) Two overnight monitors per night (2) Meal preparers and providers. If you feel the Holy Spirit leading you to participate please sign up! Our contact person for this potential ministry is Faye Foulk 610-751-5742

**Life's Choices** is seeking a part-time Nurse Manager to supervise medical services. The Nurse Manager works with the Executive Director and Medical Director to provide health education and oversee medical operations. Experience in labor/delivery or OB/GYN is preferred. Additional training in obstetric ultrasound will be provided. Must be a registered nurse or RDMS. To apply submit your cover letter and resume to [joy.lifeschoices@gmail.com](mailto:joy.lifeschoices@gmail.com)

## **WE NEED YOU!**

### **Vacation Bible School**

**July 10 - 14, 2017 9am-11:30am**



VBS is right around the corner and we are planning and praying for a great week. It is estimated that more people have become Christians through VBS than any other church event. Please consider serving our Master and our children in this very important ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Church Parlor.

If you have any questions, please see Jane Wessner.

# Youth Events!

- June 15-17 Serving at Kempton Fair
- June 20 6:30 pm Farm Event
- July 10-14 Vacation Bible School
- July 18 9:00 am Knoebels
- Call Jimmy Reppert for more info – 610-698-6637

## *Congratulations!*

We praise God for our young men and women who have graduated or will be graduating. They are:

### **Graduating from Kutztown Area High School**

Kristina Bertsch will be attending Alvernia University for nursing.

### **Graduating from Fleetwood Area High School**

Tori Bertsch will be attending Bloomsburg University for Biology/Science.

### **Graduating from Messiah College**

Rachel Bennicoff graduated from Messiah College with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She is planning to work for LVHN.

### **Graduating from Penn State**

Isaiah Danner graduated from Penn State Berks with a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology and minor in business.

### **Evangelical Seminary**

James Reppert graduated from Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown on May 15, 2017. Jimmy wishes to express his thanks to Jacob's Church for all their support through the three year journey.

# Youth and Revive Summer Schedule

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May 9	Picnic for Jr. High and last normal night
May 10	Picnic for KFC last night till September
May 28	10 am Revive Lake Service
June 15-17	Serving at Kempton Fair
June 20	Farm event 6:30 leaving church
July 2	10 am Revive Lake Service
July 10-14	VBS 9 am – 11:30 am
July 18	Knoebels leaving church at 9 am
July 28,29,30	Revive Campground Service
August 3, 10,	REFUEL held at JJ's House
Aug. 17, 24, 31	REFUEL held at JJ's House
August 10	Pool Party 6 pm leave from church (Will be REFUEL Also)
August 20	10 am Revive Lake Service
September 5	Kick off for Jr. High youth group sky zone
September 6	KFC Kickoff Sky zone

## **JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT**

### *"THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"*

May 21, 2017

The following activities were held in the Jacob's Church Activity Center during the month of May....

- KFC meetings were held on Wednesday, May 3 and 10, beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 7:30pm. Junior High Youth Group meetings were held on Tuesday, May 2 and 9 beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:45pm. Youth Group activities are finished for the 2016-2017 school year, except for special events. Please contact James Reppert with any questions.
- The Well Home School Group meets each Monday morning in the Activity Center.
- Mommie and Me completed their 2016-2017 school year.
- Private celebrations were held on Friday, May 12, Saturday, May 13, 20 and 27, Sunday, May 7 and 21.
- Little Lambs Preschool held their graduation fellowship activities in the Activity Center on Thursday evening, May 18.
- The annual Mother/Daughter Banquet was held on Saturday, May 6 in the Activity Center. A big thank you to all the men who came out to help with this special event.
- A luncheon was held in the Activity Center on May 2, after the funeral service for Elizabeth "Betty" nee Kacsuta Estok. Betty was born in Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Himchak Kacsuta. She arrived in Lynnport in 1988. She was the mother of Dorothea E Estok Stepan, mother-in-law of David Stepan; grandmother of Michael and Katherine Stepan; great-grandmother of Bradley and Arlyn Stepan. Fond memories of Betty participating in the aerobic classes at Northern Valley Free Church, New Tripoli.
- Jacob's Revive Ministries continue to use the Activity Center on Sunday mornings. On May 28, the Jacob's Revive Ministries service will be held at Leaser Lake.
- The Women's Prayer Group continues to use the meeting room on Tuesday mornings.
- The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group continues to use the meeting room on Wednesday mornings.

God, Bless You,  
Faye M Foulk



# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		9:30-11:30 am
		Women's Bible Study
		7 pm Healing Prayer
<b><i>Pentecost Communion</i></b> 4	5	6
9 am Sunday School - Adults & Young Adults		9:30-11:30 am
	7:30 pm Church Board Mtg	Women's Bible Study
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7 pm Healing Prayer
		Ministry
<b><i>Believer's Baptism</i></b> 11	12	13
9 am Sunday School - Adults & Young Adults		9:30-11:30 am
9 am Confirmation Class	7:00 pm Elders Meeting	Women's Bible Study
Believer's Baptism (one service only)		7 pm Healing Prayer
10 am Combined Worship service/ Act. Ctr.		Ministry
<b><i>Father's Day</i></b> 18	19	20
9 am Sunday School - Adults & Young Adults		9:30-11:30 am
		Women's Bible Study
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		6:30 pm Youth Farm Event
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7 pm Healing Prayer
		Ministry
	25	26
9 am Sunday School - Adults & Young Adults		9:30-11:30 am
		Women's Bible Study
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7 pm Healing Prayer Ministry

# June 2017

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer		Wedding Rehearsal	Wedding
Breakfast			
	7:30 pm Choir Practice		
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study			
7	8	9	10
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer	Wedding Rehearsal		Wedding
Breakfast			
	7:30 pm Choir Practice		
7 pm Mid-Week Bible Study			
14	15	16	17
	Serving @ Kempton Fair	Serving @ Kempton Fair	Serving @ Kempton Fair
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer			
Breakfast			
	7:30 pm Choir Practice		
7 pm Mid-Week Bible Study			
21	22	23	24
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer			
Breakfast			
	7:30 pm Choir Practice		
7 pm Mid-Week Bible Study			
28	29	30	
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer			
Breakfast			
	7:30 pm Choir Practice		
7 pm Mid-Week Bible Study			